TURN-OUT OF BRICKMAKERS.—At Preston the working brickmakers have struck work in consequence of an attempt of the masters to enlarge the moulds and exact the usual tallies without increasing the wages. The men also, it appears, require the restoration of sixpence per thousand, taken from them at a time of depression. "As for the sixpence on the thousand, taken off before," says a correspondent of the *Preston Guardian*, "we submitted to it in consequence of promises made that it should be added when times mended, and we now think the time has come when their promises ought to be fulfilled. But they threaten to reduce us to starvation by machinery. A Pharaoh of old once cruelly oppressed the brickmakers, but a just Providence showed him and posterity the wages due to hardness of heart. Depend upon it, such proceedings as these will soon cause a severer struggle than was ever yet known betwixt labour and capital. We earnestly hope that our masters will duly consider our reasonable demands, and peace and comfort may again be our lot." Some of the employers, it seems, have consented to the terms of the men, but most of them have "determined to resist all dictation on either point from the men." If the circumstances be rightly represented, it would appear that the meaning of the term "dictation" may be grossly misapplied. When masters "dictate" oppressive and unjust terms to the men, who are chiefly to blame but the masters themselves for the attempt of the men to protect their interests from such oppression and injustice by counter "dictation?" It is incumbent on those who complain of "dictation" on the part of the men to suggest how they are to protect their humble, but to them all-important, interests from the rapacity of greedy and unjust taskmasters while still maintaining that due subordination so essential to the interests both of employers and employed.

DESTRUCTION OF WORKS OF ART AT BOSTON, UNITED STATES.—A gallery containing between 600 and 700 pictures, a large number of statuettes, portraits of artists, &c. and valued at 40,000*l.* has been destroyed by the burning of the Fremont Temple in Boston. The collection belonged to Mr. Thomas Thompson, and was the fruit of twenty years accumulation. It would have been but ordinary prudence to have expended even a few of the thousands laid out on such a collection in the adoption of efficient precautions against fire. In the present instance the treasure was not even insured. It is said to have contained many originals,—by Titian, Guido, Murillo, Cuyp, Lely, Vandyck, Reynolds, and other masters.

KENT DISPENSARY COMPETITION.—It has been my misfortune to read many disgusting "competition" advertisements in THE BUILDER; but I think that which appears, alone in its glory, in your impression of the 10th, caps them all. If the profession is to "eat dirt," a most eligible opportunity now presents itself for indulging in such a propensity; and in the event of any response being made to the elaborated and tempting invitation of "Mr. Charles J. Cartarr, secretary (by order)," I would beg permission to offer that gentleman my congratulations on being the enviable instrument of converting "architects" into "*snobs*."—R. K. P.

METROPOLITAN IMPROVEMENT.—A correspondent, "G. H." wishes attention to be drawn to the state of various at present waste spaces in different parts of the metropolis, as at Skinner-street, Snow-hill, the corner of Cheapside, Stamford-street, and the site of the Fleet Prison. Mr. Pearson's new scheme, he remarks, appears to keep Victoria-street, Holborn, from progressing. The subject is one which concerns the beauty of the town, the increase of property, and the welfare of the people; and it is strange indeed that valuable sites such as these should so long remain empty, waiting for the carrying out of public improvements. Such a circumstance actually justifies the running up of all sorts of new and irregular buildings in inconvenient positions rather than throw them into projected improvements so long in being carried out.

POSITION OF ORGANS.—Dr. Wesley, the organist of Winchester Cathedral, has addressed a letter to the *Salisbury Journal* in reference to an announcement of its being the intention of the Dean and Chapter of Salisbury to remove the organ from the choir-screen to the side of the choir of their cathedral. "The profession to which I belong," he says, "being rarely consulted on such a subject, and knowing well, as I do, that such a step is highly detrimental to musical effect, I take this means of expressing my opinion, that not only is the effect of an organ injured by being placed at the side instead of the centre of a cathedral, but the choir service also suffers in various ways." The writer quotes a letter from Professor Cockerell in support of his ideas on this subject.

PIPE DRAINAGE.—The propriety of using earthenware pipes for drainage has been violently impugned, and the Board of Health recommendations of them objected to, in the Institution of Civil Engineers, where a paper on the subject is to be read shortly, that will probably excite some discussion.

WAX CHANDLERS' COMPANY'S COMPETITION.—Allow me to inform "Verax," one of your correspondents some weeks old, that the Court of the Wax Chandlers' Company wisely took the precaution of having a professional adviser, in Mr. C. Fowler, to aid them in coming to an equitable decision. From among upwards of forty designs submitted to them for their new hall, they ultimately came to the resolution of choosing three designs belonging to Mr. Wood, Mr. J. Peyton, and Mr. Jos. James, respectively, who were to receive the three premiums named in the advertisement.—A SUBSCRIBER.

RATIONAL RECREATION FOR THE WORKING CLASSES.—The *Leeds Intelligencer* directs attention to an advertisement in its columns, offering prizes of 5*l.* 3*l.* and 2*l.* for the three best essays "On the most desirable plan of supplying innocent and elevating Recreation for the Working Classes." The prizes are to be conferred only on working men, though essays from other persons desirous to promote the object of the society are also invited.

NEW DISCOVERIES AT NINEVEH.—Col. Rawlinson, it seems, "has opened out the entire place of sepulture of the kings and queens of Assyria." There they lie, it is said, "in huge stone sarcophagi, with ponderous lids decorated with the royal ornaments and costume, just as they were deposited more than 3,000 years ago."

TABLES ON DRAINAGE.—A pocket-sheet of tables on drainage, by Mr. Bailey Denton, has been printed by Metchi, of Parliament-street, and appears to be a useful thing in its way. There are seven tables, the first and largest of which shows the cost of the necessary digging and tiles in draining an acre of land at various distances between the drains.

ROADMAKERS' ESTIMATES.—Tenders received for making a road at Sutton, on the land of the South Metropolitan School Board, under the direction of Mr. Edwin Nash. Quantities furnished:—

North and Gardner	£1,539	0	0
Wright	1,010	0	0
Mayes	920	0	0
Reddin	782	0	0
Murray	754	0	0
Radley and Rogers	729	0	0
Jarvis	695	0	0
Smith and Cole	687	0	8
Ward	640	0	0
Siddons	637	0	0
Drummond	596	15	4½
Williams and Dearlove	596	7	3½
Gregson	553	0	0
Watson and Carter	550	0	0
Reed	546	2	6
Franklin	536	0	0
Bugbird	515	15	11½
Mathews	505	5	0
Barnard, Richardson, and Son	500	13	6
Lewis	500	0	0
Becks	478	15	5
Franklin, Poplar (accepted)	432	14	2

TENDERS

For building two second-rate dwelling-houses, with shops, stable-buildings, fence walls, &c. at Upper Edmonton, for Mr. Wm. Fishel. Mr. Gosset, architect. Quantities taken out by Mr. Wallis.

Ashby and Sons	£1,594 0 0
Perry	1,497 0 0
Gadsby	1,494 0 0
Hobbs	1,493 0 0
Devereux (accepted)	1,427 10 0

For taking down portion of house, and rebuilding, at Bayswater.

Hunt	£1,349
Roper and Son	1,095
Lawrence (accepted)	979

For pulling down and building seven fourth-rate houses in Bermondsey-street; old houses to be allowed for separately. Mr. Jarvis, architect.

	Amounts.	For old houses.	Net.
Thomas	£3,245	—	£3,245
Hannah Fullagar	2,111	£100 0	2,011
Lake	2,049	80 0	1,969
Farrant	2,000	—	2,000
Cooper	2,030	130 0	1,900
Heath	1,835	130 0	1,705
Wills	1,725	—	1,725
Jones	1,740	198 10	1,541

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"Casts" (a correspondent asks for "the best method of taking casts of carved wood-work, and likewise a recipe for the material used"). "S. H." (the note reached us: thanks), "R. G.," "Campensalogia," "W. D." (under our mark), "H." (ditto), "W. A.," "Mr. K.," "J. W." "J. J. L.," "J. B.," "R. W. K.," "W. P." "A. W. H.," "J. L.," "C. J.," "A Subscriber," "H.," "J. T.," "T. L.," "L. V." (we will endeavour to learn), "Dr. S.," "Anti-Humbug," "Tyro," "P. S. D.," "P. N.," "J. B., Glasgow (index will be found in first number for next year)," "J. P. M.," "J. L. A."

"*Books and Addresses.*"—We have not time to point out books or find addresses.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

METROPOLITAN BUILDINGS ACT.—Office of Metropolitan Buildings, 4, Adelphi-terrace, Strand, 22nd April, 1852.

NOTICE.—An EXAMINATION of PERSONS desirous to obtain a certificate of qualification for the Office of DISTRICT SURVEYOR, will take place on THURSDAY, the 20th day of May next.

Persons desirous to be examined must apply on or before the 12th May, and the application must be accompanied by a preliminary statement, according to the course of examination prescribed in the rules for that purpose copies of which may be had at this office, or at Mr. Weale's, Architectural Bookseller, 59, High Holborn.

ARTHUR SYMONDS,
Registrar of Metropolitan Buildings.

HEAL and SON'S ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUE of BEDSTEADS, sent free by post, contains designs and prices of upwards of One Hundred different Bedsteads, in Iron, Brass, japanned Wood, polished Birch, Mahogany, Rosewood, and Walnut-tree Woods; also their priced List of Bedding, and their new warerooms enable them to keep one of each design fixed for inspection. They have also, in addition to their usual stock, a great variety of the best designs of PARISIAN BEDSTEADS, both in wood and iron, which they have just imported.—HEAL and SON, Bedstead and Bedding Manufacturers, 196 opposite the Chapel, Tottenham-court-road.

IMPORTANT to FAMILIES FURNISHING, who study Elegance with Economy.—BROMPTON HOUSE, 22 and 23, QUEEN'S-BUILDINGS, KNIGHTSBRIDGE.—JAMES COOK'S three guinea French-polished Mahogany Arabian Bedstead, Bedding, Cabinet, Carpet, Looking-glass, and Upholstery Warehouse. Estimates given, and a list of prices sent post free.

THE CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY of ENGINEERS are now prepared to execute Orders in every department of the Trade. First rate mechanism sent to any part of the country on the shortest notice.—East London Iron Works, Cambridge-road, Mile-end.

MEASUREMENT of BUILDER'S WORK.—A Surveyor of considerable practical experience continues to give, by class and privately, INSTRUCTION in MEASURING and ESTIMATING every description of Builders' Work, so as to prepare bills of quantities, together with other valuable professional information. Terms very moderate.—Direct, free, to B. B. care of Messrs. Harris and Co. Looking Glass Manufacturers, 226, New Oxford-street.

BRIGHTON.—TO PLASTERERS.—WANTED, several GOOD HANDS in the above trade.—Immediate application to be made to K. H. Star in the East Inn, Eastern-road, Brighton.

AN Architect and Surveyor, at Brighton, is in immediate WANT of an ASSISTANT, capable of taking out Quantities, getting out Working Drawings, and superintending Works.—&c.—Address, stating salary expected, B. Post-Office, Brighton.

A DESIGNER and SALESMAN WANTED, who has been accustomed to make Drawings, and take orders in the Cabinet and Upholstery branches. Desirable if he has had any experience in a Builder, or Architect's Office.—Apply by letter, and stating full particulars, to BANTING and SONS, 27, St. James's-street.

BOROUGH of DERBY.—SURVEYOR WANTED.—The Local Board of Health of the borough of Derby are desirous of immediately APPOINTING a suitable person as their SURVEYOR. A new survey of the entire district having just been completed by the Board of Ordnance, and the plans delivered, such officer will be required to lay down thereupon a system of sewerage and drainage works for the borough, and to prepare estimates of the expense thereof, which will have to be submitted to the General Board of Health for approval. He must be competent to prepare plans, drawings, estimates, and specifications of all works connected with the sewerage, drainage, paving, and repairs of the streets, as well as surface-cleansing, and be able to superintend the execution thereof, test the materials, and see to the fulfilment of the conditions of the contracts for executing such works. He will be required to report upon all new buildings within the borough, as to their drainage and convenience, and also upon cases of nuisance involving structural alterations for abating the same. The whole time of the surveyor will be required to be devoted to his duties, and the appointment will not be absolute until confirmed by the General Board. The salary of the surveyor has hitherto been 200*l.* a year, and office accommodation. Candidates are requested to state the amount of salary they will require. Applications must be forwarded with testimonials of qualification, indorsed, "Application for Surveyor," addressed to the Clerk of the Local Board (from whom any further information must be obtained), not later than SATURDAY, the 15th day of May, 1852.

By order,
JOSEPH JONES,
Town-hall, Derby, April 21st, 1852. Clerk to the Local Board.

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